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NEXT KCDXC MEETING: August 27

Our May meeting is on Aug. 27, at JOCO Library at 6PM on 87th St. Our program will be by W7FB on Antenna Properties. The program will be followed by the famous Pie Eating Contest after the KCDXC meeting.

CROWNE PLAZA ROOMS FOR DAYTON 2019!!

The KCDXC contract with Crowne Plaza has been completed for 2019! WØZAP has volunteered to take over the job of Room Manager for the KCDXC. Rick will be working with ABØX this year to learn the details of the job. THANKS, Rick!

The cost for rooms for 2019 will remain the same as in the past at \$149 for a standard block of three nights over Hamvention weekend starting on Thursday, May 16, with check out on Sunday morning, May 19. Double rooms are available for club members with roommates or singles for one bed rooms. Contact WØZAP at rickp098@gmail.com, to make your room reservation for Hamvention 2019.

Contact ab0x@kc.rr.com if you have any questions. As in the past we must prepay the first night's stay prior to the end of March 2019.

ANNUAL KCDXC CARP TOURNAMENT: SEPT.8

The KCDXC annual Carp Tournament has been delayed this year because of the extreme heat in our area. Mark your calendars for Sept. 8! The festivities begin under the bridge on the sandy banks of the Kaw at KS State Highway 7 in Bonner Springs. Fishing will start at 12 noon on Sat. Sept. 8. Boat or bank fishing is OK.

NØCWR, Head Judge of the tournament, reminds all participants, "There's only one rule in the tournament: There ain't no rules!" So, any bait is legal, including hand grenades, dynamite, or your favorite stink bait. In fact, AAØMZ won a few years ago on a well placed toss that uprooted a few submerged logs and a huge carp that went belly up and is still the KCDXC record(56 pounds 9 oz.) for the tournament. Continued on page 3 ...

KCDXC DXCC HONOR ROLL

Call	Mixed	CW	Phone	RTTY	IOTA	160	6 M DXCC	DX Challenge
K0CS	357	320	352			233	85	2377
N0XA	356	353	355	312		315	85	3066(S.K.)
AB0X	357	353	349	230		221	23	2280
W0JLC	353	351	331			102		
N0RB	352	346	350				23	1806
K0CA	350	349	348	324		103		2624
NX0I	350	348	347	242		208		2502
N0CWR	349	348	349	312	860	179	35	2816
K0HQW	349	347	333			33		1352
K3PA	349	347	344	314		152	36	2673
KS0DX	347	318	347	129	360			2218
K4SV	346	340	344	337		301	87	2852
AC0A	348	318	348		838		15	2223
K0VXU	347	334	330	255	172	138	2	2267
K0GY	344	340	344	277			5	2300
KB0X	336							
W0QQ	333	205	331	112	149	17		1348
K0THN	329	314	284		179	1		1849
KE5BR	330	177	297	79				742
WA0WOF	330							
K4SX	326	269	314	146		52		1617
W0FS	322	270	295		657	181		1770
W0MB	322	194	320	230	143	1		1163
K0AP	316	307	297	230	657			1968
AA0MZ	309	292	287	208	532	44	20	1825
AC0C	302	292	233	220	79	87	2	1822
KG0UA	283	277	116			4		
NS0D	263	219	142	130		3	2	833
W0XE	247	215	193	14				887
W0DR	220	29	144	3		5	4	
N9GB	203							
KS0AA	172	75	84	154		3		507
KY0F	140	2	140				1	
AA0LV	112							
WD0SRI	102	6	55			1	1	102
KR0CK	57	2	53			1	1	57

*Red listing indicates Top of the Honor Roll in that respective class. Totals are with deletions.

NOTE: When changes of DXCC totals are sent in to me, they are immediately updated in the next month here in the newsletter. Please only one update a month.

KCDXC CARP TOURNAMENT Continued from page 1

The weighin begins at 6 PM and all participants must submit their fish by that time. Late comers will only receive a cold one and a pat on the back, no exceptions!

There have been some big boasts by various club members in recent weeks. K0LW claimed he will catch a carp that weighs more than W0ZAP! AND... AC0C has been bragging about a new stink bait he invented in the frig this summer.

The cook out begins at 7PM followed by a new event this year at 8 PM on the sandy banks of the Kaw River, under the bridge on K-7. The new event was suggested by W0DR and is a **Rock Skipping Contest**. Dave said he won a varsity letter in Rock Skipping at Osceola High School in 1968 and brings lots of experience to the new event. W0DR is the Head Judge for the new contest. All rocks used must be picked up along the river bank. Winner will receive a plaque with a rock hot glued to it, suitable for hanging on your shack wall. There will be 3 classes of the competition: Youth, YL, and Old Men.

Also, in memory of W0JM, the KU Women's Crew Squad dressed in blue spandex, will do a row by our gala event at 8:15 PM.

Don't miss this great family outing! Also, remember the KCDXC will not provide bail money if members are arrested by KS Fish & Wildlife Wardens.

July 23, 2018

Kansas City DX Club Meeting Minutes

Carmack Community Room, Central Resource Library

Overland Park, KS



The July meeting of the Kansas City DX Club was called to order by President **Russ Woirhaye, K0VXU** at 6:00 pm CDT (July 23, 2018 - 2300UTC).

Agenda -

- Greeting and Introduction of Guests
- DXing and Contesting
- Comments on the WRTC by **Drew, K3PA**.
- Wullenweber Arrays **Russ, K0VXU**

Introductions -

We introduced ourselves. No guests were present.

DXing and Contesting

DXing for August

Based on NG3K website: <http://www.ng3k.com/Misc/adxo.html>

Highlights reported were 4S7DMG, Sri Lanka, MJ/SP7VC, Jersey and TX5T, Austral Island.

Contesting for August

Based on WA7BNM website: <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/>

The Kansas QSO Party August 25 and 26 is probably the one of most interest to us. **Charlie, K0THN**, mentioned that the Honeywell ARC will again be conducting a special event at the Hollenberg Pony Express Station near Hanover, KS on August 26. This is in Washington county.

Program

Drew Vanoda-Smith, K3PA, briefly discussed his participation in the World Radiosport Team Championship, WRTC, contest held in Germany. A Lithuanian team won with a German team coming in second. Drew and his team finished 59 out of 63 teams but he was pleased with their showing as this was their first time in the event. He said that ten meter short skip into Europe was awesome. He is really psyched to participate again in the next WRTC to be held in Italy in 2022.

Russ reported that **Ward Silver, N0AX**, has accepted an invitation to come and talk to us at an upcoming meeting about the history of the WRTC.

Russ, K0VXU, presented a talk on the Wullenweber Arrays used for radio direction finding of various targets of military interest primarily during the cold war using HF radio frequencies.

He first became aware of these when stationed in Okinawa.

The arrays consisted of several support poles arranged in a large circle which became known as an "Elephant Cage" and had a large equipment building near the circle to operate from. They were designed by the Germans in the 1930s and the latest implementations were constructed in the 1960s. They had a practical range of about 3200 to 5000 miles. They could track ships, planes and even satellites if they were using HF radio to an accuracy of about a one degree angle.

Most of the sites in the world have now been dismantled. One array in Augsburg Germany is still in operation.

Russ gave us a Google Earth tour of several of the locations showing whatever remained of the installations. Some were no longer visible at all.

Announcements

Russ announced that the Christmas party in December will be held at RC's restaurant in Martin City, MO this year.

If you need a ride or you know of someone who needs a ride to our meetings let Russ know. We would like to make sure everyone who wishes to attend can do so.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Charles Hett

KCDX Club Secretary

DATES FOR FUTURE KCDXC MEETINGS:

Sept.24. 2018

October 29. 2018

November date is not available yet for booking.....

Rob KE5BR

DX NEWS & VIEWS

BY AB0X



VP6D DUCIE ISLAND DXPEDITION NEWS. Gene, K5GS, sent out the following update on August 9th [edited]: VP6D Equipment in Transit -- Chris/N6WM and Walt/N6XG report that on the evening of Wednesday, August 8th, our customs broker accepted the VP6D shipment for transport to Braveheart in New Zealand. The shipment will soon begin its long journey. We appreciate the assistance from: Jim, K8JRK, for the loan of the Halliburton cases used for the shipment, Ross, K6GFJ, for his coordination activities, and Paul, N6PSE, of the Intrepid DX Group for their loan of a BGAN and additional Pelican cases. Also, while in California we attended a meeting with members of the recently completed KH1/KH7Z Baker Island project for a debrief. We were especially interested in their FT8 experience. Look for our photos on under the "Photos Tab". Z6, KOSOV0 (Update). Tev, TA1HZ, will be active as Z68HZ from Prishtina staying with "The Kosovo International Friendship Consortium" between August 17-27th. Activity will be mainly on SSB and FT8 (trying to work/ reach for another DXCC award). QSL via TA1HZ direct or preferably via LoTW. ZY159, BRAZIL (Special Event). Operators Adriano/PP2B0 (Team Leader), Rafael/PP20K, Oderson/PP2MD, Jordane/PP2JP, André/PU2GEN, Jainir/PY4RL, Wendel/PY4WL, Luiz/PY4DK, Walter/PY4ZO, Ricardo/PY4RR and Daniel/PY4KP are now active as ZY159CAT to celebrate the 159th anniversary of the city of Catalão, Brazil, until August 30th. Activity will be on 80/40/ 20/17/15/10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via PP2B0, direct only (2 USDs).

OTHER DX:

KH9 & V7, WAKE AND MARSHALL ISLANDS. Randy, WW6RG, will once again be active as KH9/WW6RG from Wake Island (OC-053) on August 17th. His activity will be mostly on between 0430-0545z and 0615-0700z on 14190 kHz. He will also be active as V73/WW6RG from Kwajalein Island (OC-028), Marshall Islands, between August 21-23rd. Activity should be

the same as above. QSL via his home callsign.

3C3W & 3C0W QSL STATUS. On August 10th, the following was posted by Yuris, YL2GM, on their Web page: A lot of direct QSL letters don't reach their destination and are returned to me with the reason "address is undeliverable" or get lost in the process. I send out all direct QSL cards once every month. If you have not received your direct QSL card, please write email to me and I will send again. Please also check that your address is correct in QRZ.com and clublog.org. LoTW will be uploaded not later than 1st of September. FO/K5PI via home callsign, direct (NO IRCs), by the Bureau or LoTW. George, K5PI, was active from Punaauia and Papeete, Tahiti Island (OC-046). XW8DX/CW & XU8DX/CW QSLs STILL AVAILABLE. Jacques, F2YS/W2, informs OPDX: "Just thought I should be sending you a note about these old DX-peditions. Believe it or not I am still receiving QSL requests for the calls above, 29 & 28 years later. Just to let you know that I still have the logs and some blank cards and I will be glad to answer anyone. Dates are important: XW8DX/CW from Dec. 08, 1989 to Dec.26 XU8DX/CW from Apr. 03 1990 to Apr. 11 This call was occasionally activated until late 1991, I receive requests for dates past 04/11/90 however I have no log past the end of the expedition, not even sure that the activity was legal!"

06, MAYOTTE (Update). Members of the Czech DXpedition team (CDXP) will be active as TO6OK from Mayotte (AF-027) between September 22nd and October 4th. The team will arrive September 21st and depart October 5th. Operators mentioned are Petr/OK1BOA, Petr/OK1FCJ, Pavel/OK1GK, Ruda/OK2ZA, Ludek/ OK2ZC, Karel/OK2ZI and David/OK6DJ. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. Focus will be on the lower bands, but also on the new Digital modes. QSL via OK6DJ, OQRS or LoTW. For more details and updates, see: <http://www.cd xp.cz>

TX5, AUSTRAL ISLANDS (Reminder). Operators Bob/K4UEE, Robert/K5PI, Madison/ W5MJ, Robert/W5RF and Bill/W5SJ will be active as TX5T from Raivavae Island (OC-114) between August 13-22nd. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, and FT8 (DXpedition mode). Suggested frequencies are: CW - 1822.5, 3528, 7028, 10128, 14028, 18078, 21028, 24898 and 28028 SSB - 1848, 3788, 7088/7188, 14188/14288, 18138, 21288, 24938 and 28488 RTTY - 3588, 7088, 10138, 14088, 18100, 21088, 24920 and 28088 kHz 6m - 50108/CW QSL via M0URX. For more details and updates, see: <http://australs2018.com>

V3, BELIZE. Victor, WB0TEV, will once again be active as V31VP from Blackman Eddy between August 16-22nd. Activity will be on 80-10 meters. This will include participation in the SARTG RTTY Contest and the North American SSB QSO Party during the weekend of August 18-19th. He states, "Outside the contest, I plan on trying to be QRV on RTTY to Asia starting daily at 2200z on the high bands and possibly also some around 0400z on 30/40m. Check back here on QRZ.com for refinements and updates to those plans." His equipment is an Icom IC-7300 HF transceiver and SPE 1,3K amp into a Cushcraft A3S and dipole antennas. QSL V31VP via WB0TEV, direct, by the Bureau or ClubLog's OQRS. No LoTW or eQSL.

ADDED NOTE: Victor, WB0TEV (V31VP), will return again in September- October, but with Scott, K5PS (V31CQ), between September 27th and October 2nd. They will be active in the CQWW DX RTTY Contest (September 29-30th) as a Multi-Single/High-Power entry signing V31VP. QSL via ClubLog. Outside of the contest, look for V31VP to be on SSB/RTTY and V31CQ on CW. QSL V31CQ via K5PS.

V4, ST. KITTS AND NEVIS. Clive, GM3POI, will be active as V4/GM3POI from John's, V47JA/W5JON, Calypso Bay QTH, St. Kitts Island (NA-104), between October 23-30th. Activity will be holiday style using CW, SSB and FT8. He will also be active as V47X during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 27-28th). QSL both callsigns via M0URX.

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND (Update/Change). Operators Martin/A65DC/SA6MIW, Paul /A65DR/G7SLP/KW4CM and YL Delia/VE7HDW will be active as VK9XT from Christmas Island (OC-002) between September 29th and October 6th. Due to the reduced team, they will mainly operate on 40m and above. They will have some operation on 80m, but this will not be a priority. Also, there is a new ham on Christmas Island (Doug, VK9JD) who will help them and may do some operating with them also. The team will start the DXpedition with an effort in the CQWW DX RTTY Contest. However, they will miss the start of the contest, but will be set up and running as quickly as they can. FT8 might be used at times when no other operations are going on. QSL via N4GNR direct, LoTW, eQSL or QRZ.com's LogBook. Direct card via Clublog's OQRS will be active for 6 months after the DXpedition. You may request your direct card there. QSL Fee on the OQRS will increase to 3 USDs for OQRS to cover envelope and paypal costs. Free Bureau card via ClubLog's OQRS will be open for six months after the DXpedition. For more details and updates, see: <http://vk9xt.qsodirector.com> <https://www.facebook.com/vk9xt> .

Thanks, to Ohio/Penn DX Bulletin

BULLETIN BOARD MATERIAL

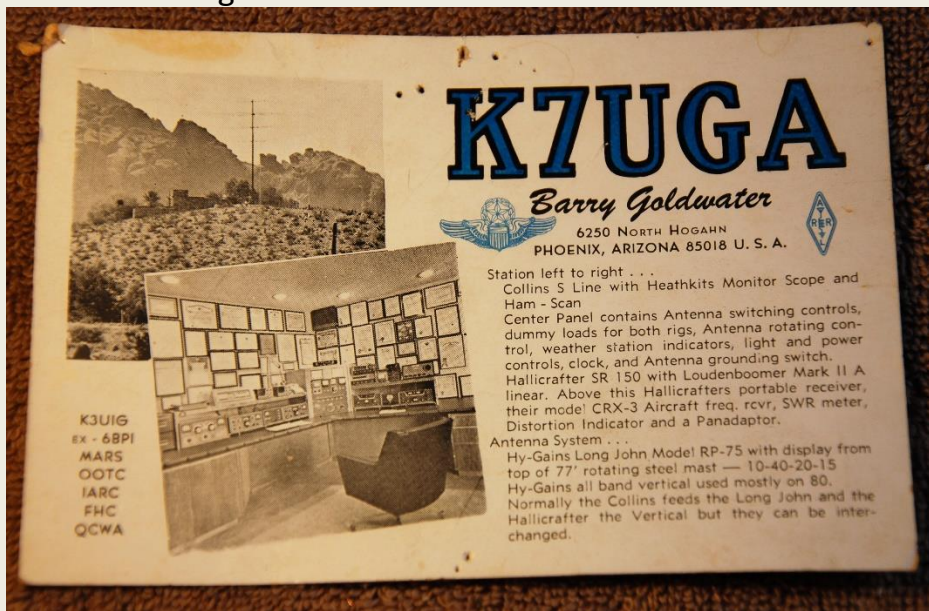
Recently, while sitting at the operating desk, out of boredom from the lack of DX on the bands, I noticed a couple of old QSLs on my bulletin board. They brought back some nice memories. I thought some of you would enjoy these, too.

The first photo below is of a QSL that W0AR gave me many years ago. Lee knew that I collected old QSLs so he gave me an original card from 1947 when he had worked the Father of Russian Radio, Ernst Krenkel, RAEM. Lee reported working Krenkel often in the 1940's. Krenkel was working from the UP0L station in Siberia. W0AR remembered the actual QSO and described conditions on the day of the contact when he gave me the card.

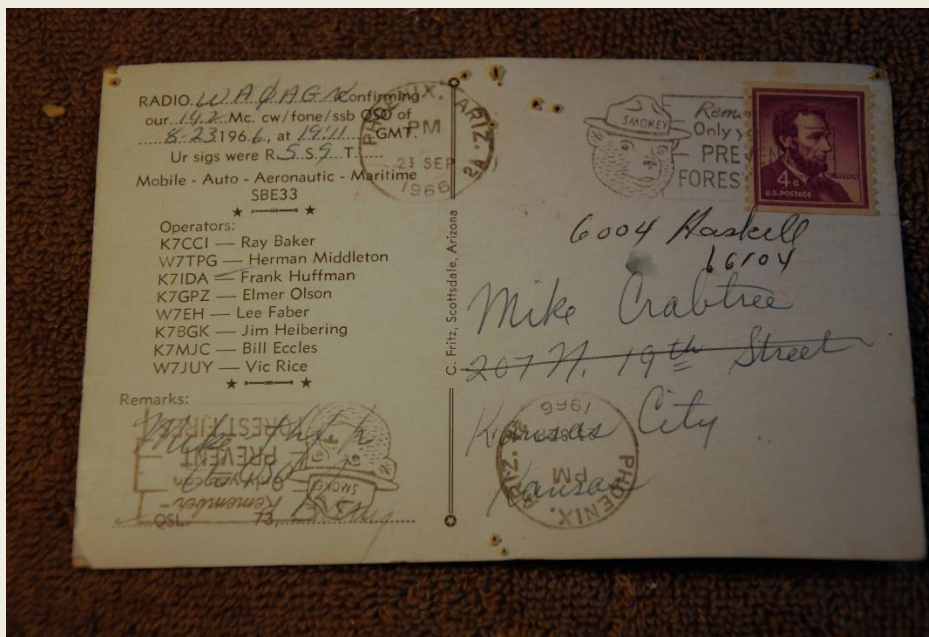
Many will remember Lee's original call was W0AIW. Note Krenkel's signature on the card and the info about RAEM's use on the S/S Cheluskin.



The second card that sparked my memory this day was my K7UGA QSL. The photo below shows the QSL from Barry Goldwater's station in AZ. I actually worked Barry twice but have only 1 QSL. Note Barry's signature on the card. The post mark hides it a little, but it is legible.



Barry had quite a station for those days. Take a look at the station description on the card: Hallicrafters rigs and a Loudeboomer Mark IIA amp. The antenna system was quite impressive as well.



My 1966 QSO with K7UGA was on 20 meters SSB. My humble station was a Swan 350 transceiver and an Inverted-Vee for 20. Notice the 4 cent stamp!

Now for some laughs, I included a photo from the same bulletin board of me in my DX prime. Don't laugh too hard! It was taken around 1977. Notice the dark hair and smaller waist line. The rig was a Drake C Line and the L4B amp. Antenna was TH-3 at 50'. Big Time DXer, for sure! I think AB0W took the photo. Tom lived just a few blocks away.



If you have the courage, send over some of your early radio pics or special QSLs from your operating past, I will gladly share them with our group! -AB0X

WØXE SUFFERS STROKE

At press time Don, WØXE, is in the Shawnee Mission Medical Center after suffering a stroke. Don is in room 874. I am sure he would love to hear from some of you. He has no family in the KC area, so is a little lonely. He is doing pretty well physically, but is likely to be hospitalized for a while longer.

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K3ZN KEYS



